

Reprisals on Irish Effected Scientifically

British Statement Is Explosive Instead of Fire Were Used to Destroy Houses in Middleton and in Meelin

Brother Sees Execution

Sister Hurt in Attempting to Save Life of Sinn Feiner Seized by an Armed Party

DUBLIN, Jan. 11.—Two interesting statements concerning reprisals were made public to-day. The first, from British authority, explains that the houses destroyed at Middlefen and Meelin, County Cork, were not destroyed by fire, which would have endangered adjoining property, but scientifically by explosives, whose range and effects were carefully calculated.

The second, from a Sinn Féin source, asserts that not the military, but the constabulary, were responsible for the institution of official reprisals. It proceeds to explain that clamor from the constabulary brought about a climax, when the divisional commissioner at Limerick complained to Dublin Castle that the military had no power to punish communities under martial law, and threatened that if the constabulary were not given the right to punish, he would withdraw all the small detachments of constabulary and leave the country to the rebels.

Thereupon, the statement adds, the government yielded, and the reprisals became official.

Dublin Castle announced to-day that there was no truth in the report that the authorities contemplated an extension of martial law to Dublin City and County.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A Dublin dispatch to The Exchange Telegraph says that Finian Lynch, Sinn Féin member of Parliament for South Kerry and who is a member of the Dail Eireann was arrested to-night at his home in Ballsbridge.

BELFAST, Jan. 11.—John Doran, a prominent young Sinn Féiner, of Camlough, South Armagh, which has been the scene of recent attacks on the police, was taken from his bed in his father's house at midnight last night by seven armed men and shot to death. After a distressing scene in the house Doran was led to a spot near by where his brother, Michael, was compelled to witness the execution. A sister was injured in trying to prevent her brother's removal.

CORK, Jan. 11.—General Strickland commanding the military forces, has prohibited the use of motor cars, motorcycles and bicycles between the hours of 8 o'clock at night and 6 o'clock in the morning throughout the entire area under martial law.

British Press Demands Irish Choose Spokesman

Surprised at Virulent Interview of Archbishop Clune, Regarded as Negotiator for Peace

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LONDON, Jan. 11.—Archbishop Clune's interview in Paris, in which he said "the battlefields of Belgium and the Somme are no worse than certain aspects of Ireland," has aroused the ire of some sections of the British

press, especially as only a few days ago the Archbishop was being featured here as one of the principal peace negotiators between the government and Sinn Féin.

No negotiator hereafter is likely to get serious attention unless he appears as the accredited representative of Sinn Féin or of their Parliament, the Dail Eireann, which is expected to meet within a few days.

The Manchester Guardian, which frequently shows a remarkable insight into the government's policy, to-day has a long editorial article headed "The Peace Prospects in Ireland." It expresses general dissatisfaction with the situation in Ireland and criticizes especially the failure of the government to take advantage of the various peace moves made recently. It assails Lloyd George's position on the Home Rule act, insisting that he maintains the "attitude of a victor toward the vanquished, holding out vague hope of mercy and generously bestowing honors."

A significant part of the editorial refers to the optimism of Lloyd George and Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, who "appear to believe that the back of the Sinn Féin movement is broken, and that all they have to do now is to continue as they have begun, and before many weeks or months to gather the fruits of victory."

"This might be inferred from their words," it continues, "and from the failure of every effort so far to extract from the Premier any tangible concession such as might be offered to nationalist Ireland, with the smallest prospect of acceptance. We must hope that the inferences are wrong, that Lloyd George is, in fact, only acting his familiar part as a hard bargainer, and that he offers next to nothing, in the first instance, only in order that his subsequent rather large concession may appear to be more generous."

The Manchester Guardian believes that the time is ripe for a settlement of the Irish problem, and that nationalist Ireland must have a guarantee in advance of the negotiations of fiscal autonomy and full control over its economic as well as its political life.

"Some day or other Lloyd George must take his courage in both hands. Why not now?" the newspaper asks.

Mayor of Cork's Counsel To Fight Deportation

Except as to the safety of Donal O'Callahan, Lord Mayor of Cork, who if deported might be imprisoned by English authorities, Irish sympathizers in New York were not greatly concerned over reports from Washington, feeling that his exclusion would only increase public sentiment in behalf of Ireland. Judge J. H. Lawrence, of Norfolk, Va., and Michael Francis Doyle, of Philadelphia, his counsel, completed plans to protest Mayor O'Callahan's exclusion and issued the following statement:

"The decision of the State Department that the case of the Lord Mayor of Cork comes within the act of March 11, 1915, was made without any hearing of the Lord Mayor's case and was based entirely upon the statement prepared by an official of the immigration service at Newport News and filed with the State Department."

"The act of Congress upon which this order was issued was a war-time measure for the purpose of preventing enemies of the United States from entering this country during the war, and upon the declaration of peace with Germany, this law, with other war-time measures, will no longer be in effect."

"It is contended that the spirit of the act does not cover the case of the Lord Mayor of Cork, who made application for a passport to the proper officials in Dublin, who referred him to the police authorities of Cork. As the police officials were directed by the British military authorities to place him under arrest because of his republican views not only would a passport be refused but he would be thrown into prison and court-martialed, as trial by jury has been suspended by

order of the British government and all trials are held before military tribunals.

"He came to this country to make an appeal for the suffering people of Ireland, whose homes have been devastated and who are in want and are enduring hardship. He also desired to testify as to the conditions in Ireland, and especially in Cork, in the final judgment in this case rests with the Department of Labor, which, under authority of the act of Congress of February 5, 1917, has final decision in every case affecting deportation of every person from the United States.

"If we find it necessary we will take the case to the Federal courts to determine the jurisdiction of the State Department and the Department of Labor in such cases."

Harry Boland, secretary to Eamon de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," yesterday issued a statement that in twenty days during December Englishmen murdered thirty-three Irish men and boys, and in the same period two English constables were shot dead at sight and twelve members of crown forces were killed in conflicts.

These figures were given "as an example of what reliance may be placed in the official description of the republican army as a murder gang and the armed forces of the crown as the restorers of law and order."

City Stops Digging in Park For \$50,000 Buried Gold

Greenwich, Conn., Police Guard Hole While Story of Convict's Treasure Is Investigated

GREENWICH, Conn., Jan. 11.—All day to-day residents of this town, including the oldest inhabitants and children of ten, thronged around a spot in Bruce Park where the upturned sod has been smoothed down by the application of a municipal shovel. Beneath the soil there is believed to be \$50,000 in gold, money stolen by a Sing Sing convict from a man in the Yukon.

While a cordon of police guarded the spot an investigation was being made of various reports. Morris Lipschitz, who came here last Thursday and asked for a permit to dig a hole in the park, was released by the police to-day. He returned to his home in New York.

There will be no more digging in the park for the present, the police said to-day. If gold has been buried it will remain beneath the soil until removed on authority of city officials.

Judge James F. Walsh, prosecuting attorney of Greenwich, said that he noticed a yellow paper in Lipschitz's hand, which proved to be a chart showing the spot where the money is supposed to have been buried.

Lipschitz finally produced a letter written by a Sing Sing convict who died of consumption in which it was stated that he had hidden \$50,000 alongside a rock in Bruce Park after robbing a man in the Alaskan gold fields.

7-Story Building Burned Pedestrian Gives Alarm, but Fire Quickly Wrecks Structure

A man passing the seven-story building at 423 Broome Street at 8:30 o'clock last night saw a thin stream of smoke issuing from a crevice on the fourth floor. "Fire!" he yelled.

In ten minutes there was no doubt of it. Flames were shooting upward through the interior of the building from the fourth story to the roof. The building was completely destroyed in half an hour. Quick work by firemen prevented the blaze from spreading to other buildings.

When the alarm was sounded youngsters in the St. Philip's Home for Working Boys, at 415 Broome Street, instead of fleeing to the street, ran to the roof of the home and stood ready to fight the flames with buckets of water. Families in several tenement houses in the neighborhood remained in the street until the fire was extinguished.

Middlemen Are Blamed for Evils In Bail System

Bonding Co. Agent Says Big Concerns Do Not Accept Stolen Goods Knowingly as Surety for Crooks

The independent bondsmen or so-called "middlemen" were blamed at yesterday's session of the inquiry into the bonding evil for the existence of the condition under which, it is said, professional crooks find it easy to obtain bail and continue their criminal activities while awaiting trial.

That testimony was given by Morris M. Becker, of 540 West 143d Street, a lawyer and special agent of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, with offices at 309 Broadway.

His company, he said, writes an average of \$1,250,000 a year of bonds in original cases in Manhattan, and has no agents, practically all its business being that which is recommended by attorneys.

The present condition is due, he testified, to the fact that surety companies under license by the State Insurance Department, have delegated powers of attorney to irresponsible persons to write bonds. He also declared that the ignorant and illiterate persons who make a business of being indemnitors on bonds are, in a large measure, responsible for the present evils.

In response to questions by Assistant District Attorney Pecora the witness said he saw no valid reason for surety companies conducting a legitimate business objecting to opening their records of collateral to the District Attorney's office. "I don't know of a single case where a reputable surety company has received stolen goods as collateral," he testified, but added that some of the various third parties in the bonding business may have done so and put it up unknown to the companies. His own company, he declared, never received silks or other merchandise as collateral, and jewelry only rarely in small amounts.

It has only been in the last few years, and particularly in the last two years, that the bail bond evils have sprung up, he said.

The witness said his staff investigates the charges against all persons seeking bonds by his company and they are not bailed out if it is found they have criminal records. Also, the company does not bail out highwaymen or robbers except under very exceptional circumstances, he said.

District Attorney McQuaid presented a record to show that Mr. Becker had granted a bond in at least one case in which the defendant had a previous record.

Louis Kassman, of 659 Hancock Street, proprietor of a restaurant at 138 Norfolk Street, was called to explain his business as an indemnitor. He said he had put up money and real estate of his own on between fifteen and twenty-five bonds in the last three years for defendants known to friends of his. When asked if he had bailed out some pickpockets, he answered that he had bailed out only one, so far as he knew. He said he did not investigate the records of the accused persons for whom he was indemnitor and did not keep any record of them. The inquiry will continue in Criminal Court to-day.

Mrs. MacSwiney in England

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Terence MacSwiney, widow of the Lord Mayor of Cork, disembarked here this morning from the steamer Panhandle State which arrived from New York. Only two or three friends greeted her at the Quay. There was no demonstration. Mrs. MacSwiney intends to remain in England a few days and then proceed to Ireland.

Alda Appears Next Week In "Cleopatra's Night"

"Eugene Onegin" Also To Be Presented Soon for First Time This Season Here

"Cleopatra's Night" will have its first performance this season on Thursday evening of next week, when it will be sung by Mmes. Alda, Tiffany and Gordon and Messrs. Kingston, Reschiglian and Audisio. Miss Galli and Mr. Bonifoglio will dance. Mr. Papi will conduct. It will be followed by "Le Coq d'Or," sung by Mmes. Garrison, Sundelius and Berat and Messrs. Diaz, Didur, Ananian, Reschiglian and Audisio, and danced by Messrs. Galli and Rudolph and Messrs. Bolm, Bonifoglio, Bartik and Agnini. Mr. Bamboschek will conduct.

"Eugene Onegin" will have its first hearing this season on Friday evening of next week. It will be sung by Mmes. Muzio, Perini, Gordon and Howard and Messrs. Martinelli, De Luca, Didur, Bada, D'Angelo and Picco. Mr. Bonifoglio will conduct.

Other operas next week will be: "Manon Lescaut," Monday evening, with Mmes. Alda and Telva and Messrs. Martinelli, Scotti and Malatesta. Mr. Papi will conduct. "Tosca," Wednesday evening, with Mmes. Farrar and Messrs. Gigli and Scotti, Mr. Moranzoni conducting. "Lucia di Lammermoor" will be next week's Saturday matinee opera, with Mmes. Garrison and Berat and Messrs. Gigli, Danise, Mardones, Dua and Audisio. Mr. Papi will conduct.

"Zaza" will be sung at Saturday evening of next week for the benefit of the French Hospital. The cast will include Mmes. Farrar, Howard, Egner, Ingram and Arden, Miss Quintina and Messrs. Crimi, De Luca, Ananian, Laurenti, Malatesta, D'Angelo, Picco, Palmieri and Audisio. Mr. Moranzoni will conduct.

At next Sunday night's "opera concert" Jacques Thibaud, violinist, will play. Miss Mabel Garrison, José Mardones and Milla Pico will sing. The entire orchestra will be under the direction of Mr. Bamboschek.

Anatole France Openly Champions Bolshevism

Special Cable to The Tribune

PARIS, Jan. 11.—Anatole France, the French writer, who for many years has been a member of the French Socialist party, to-day announced his intention of following the party in its subjugation to Lenin.

"A union of the workers will bring peace to the world," says France. The newspaper Le Populaire carries these words daily under its title to show that it is supported by France's greatest living author.

France's decision follows the recent decision of the party at the Tours convention to adopt Communism and to adhere to the conditions laid down by the Moscow leaders.

France's ideals have followed a curious sort of evolution. Before the Dreyfus case he never paid the slightest attention to politics. But since that time his attitude has changed completely. It is said that his love for a Jewish woman at the time of the Dreyfus trial led him to interest himself in politics. Since then the tone of his books has changed also.

He formerly was somewhat ironical about the social organism. He poked fun at the bourgeoisie. He referred satirically to the clergy and aristocrats as the top of modern society. Then he began speaking at meetings against Czarist tyranny in Russia and shevism.

otherwise manifested a swift movement toward the Left. "I now firmly believe, although I am sometimes accused of doing so because he has reached his second childhood, that there can be no peace in the world until capitalism has been entirely destroyed. Since the Russian revolution and now, at the age of seventy-seven, he has gone Bolshevik."

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British Terms Given Soviets

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Leonid Krasin, Russian Bolshevik Minister of Trade and Commerce, who has been in London on a commercial mission, left to-day for Moscow. He carried modified proposals for a trade agreement between England and Soviet Russia.

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